

Urban Grain in Daikanyama Hillside Terrace

Date	Place	Partner Organization	Students' Major and Grade	Participants' Information	SIT Instructor
2025/09/19 ~2025/09/27	Japan	Sapienza University of Rome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Department of Planning, Architecture and Environmental Systems, Architecture and Architectural Engineering •Undergraduate 2nd grade, Undergraduate 3rd grade, Undergraduate 4th grade, Master 1st grade 	(SIT) Students 17, Student Staff 2, Professor 2 (Sapienza University of Rome) Students 20, Student Staff 1, Professor 2	MATSUSHITA Kiwa(), YAMASHIRO Satoru(Department of Architecture)



Image1 Japanese and Italian faculty and TAs leading the workshop

This project involved studying Fumihiko Maki's architectural theories and conducting on-site research at his representative work, the Hillside Terrace complex. Based on these investigations, students developed an architectural proposal for a site adjacent to the complex. The work was carried out by mixed teams from Shibaura Institute of Technology and Sapienza University of Rome, collaborating primarily in English. Although some students were not fully confident in using English, the teams were able to exchange ideas effectively by relying on architectural design as a shared language. This collaborative process not only deepened their understanding of Maki's approach but also demonstrated the value of international teamwork in architectural education.



Image2 Japanese and Italian faculty and TAs leading the workshop



Image3 Discussion between faculty and students



Image4 Streetscape of Daikanyama Hillside Terrace, the study site



Image5 Streetscape of Daikanyama Hillside Terrace, the study site



Image6 Learning from Daikanyama's architectural ensemble and proposing a partial redevelopment



Image7 Research and design proposals developed by mixed teams from both universities